Petitions for Protection of Life and Property

339. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petitions from the women Petitioners from Punjab received by him through Members of Parliament during the last six months seeking protection of their life and property;

(b) what are the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) to (c) During the last six months three petitions from the women petitioners from Punjab through Members of Parliament seeking protection of their life and property were received. The Subject matter relating to protection of life and property is the concern of respective State Governments as per List-II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. Accordingly, petitions received from Members of Parliament in this regard were sent to Government of Punjab for taking appropriate action in the matter.

Treaties with Countries to Combat Terrorism

340. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries with which Government have entered into treaties and conventions to combat terrorist crimes;

(b) whether terrorists are inciting terrorist and disruptive activities in India even while residing in the countries with which treaties/conventions exist;

(c) whether Government have taken up, with the countries concerned, the issue of the manipulating terrorist and disruptive activities from their soil; and

(d) if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) India has signed extradition treaties, mutual legal assistance agreements and other specific agreements to combat terrorism and organised crime etc. Extradition treaties exist with Canada, UK, Netherlands, Belgium, Nepal, Bhutan and USA. Mutual legal assistance treaties have been signed with UK, Canada, Turkey and Switzerland. The agreements with Russian Federation, Bulgaria, Egypt, Romania are aimed at combating international terrorism, organised crime, international illegal economic activities and illicit trafficking in narcotic durgs and psychotropic substances.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

सौराष्ट्र-कच्छ क्षेत्र में वन क्षेत्र में वृद्धि करने का प्रस्ताव

341. **श्री राजूभाई ए. परमार** : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगें कि:

(क) क्या 1995-96 और 1996-97 के दौरान सौराष्ट्र-कच्छ क्षेत्र में वन क्षेत्र में वृद्धि करने हेतु कदम उठाए जाने का विचार हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या इस प्रयोनार्थ विशेष लक्ष्य निर्धारित किए गए हैं;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने इस दिशा में कोई कदम उठाए हैं; और

(ड.) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट) : (क) और (ख) केन्द्र सरकार और राज्य सरकारों की योजनाओं के अन्तर्गत वनीकरण और वृक्षारोपण कार्यकलाप प्रतिवर्ष चलाए जाते है। केन्द्र और राज्य योजनाओं में धन की समग्र उपलब्धता को ध्यान में रखते हुए गुजरात के सौराष्ट्र तथा कच्छ क्षेत्रों सहित देश में वनीकरण तथा वृक्षारोपण कार्यकलापों में तेजी लाए जाने के प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं।